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Norio OKU et al.

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For: METHOD OF CURING SEAL IN  
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL

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5. ☒ Two (2) Japanese reference(s) with English translations attached are in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- ☒ Enclosed is an Office Action, dated January 28, 2003, for a counterpart application. The Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the Office Action.
- ☐ The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- ☐ Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

Respectfully submitted,  
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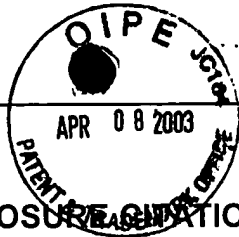
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	Hei 12-187226 with English translation	July 1, 2000	JAPAN				
	Hei 10-123541 with English translation	May 15, 1998	JAPAN				

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